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Dear Examiner Sy D. Luu

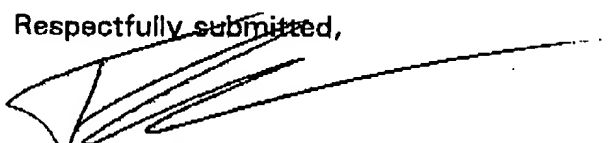
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I enclose proposed amended claims 1 and 41 for the above matter, together with a proposed Declaration by the inventor. I am also filing today an RCE.

I will call you to request a telephone interview to discuss the enclosures.

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Respectfully submitted,


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1. (currently amended) An object for enhancing an application, the enhanced application permitting a user to enter or retrieve at least one ordinary expression for processing and display, the ordinary expression being one entered in the application in the ordinary unenhanced way for processing and display, the object being capable of accessing a data source and comprising:

a query generator for (a) interposing in ordinary operations of the application in order to reading the ordinary expression previously entered manually by the user, and (b) requesting information from the data source based on the ordinary expression;

a composer for interposing in ordinary operations of the application in order to receive receiving requested information from the data source in response to said query generator and transferring the requested information to the application for processing and display alongside the ordinary expression before returning to a condition where the application operates autonomously; and

an interface for interposing in ordinary operations of the application in order to allowing the user to specify in advance of a request where the application will display the requested information will be displayed relative to the ordinary expression during ordinary operation of the application.

41. (currently amended) A method for enhancing an application, the enhanced application permitted a user to enter or retrieve at least one ordinary expression for processing and display, the method being performed with a software object and a data source and comprising the steps of:

installing the software object in order to supplement ordinary operations of said application;

entering the ordinary expression in the application in the ordinary unenhanced way for processing and display;

electronically reading the ordinary expression by interposing in ordinary operations of the application;

requesting information from the data source based on the ordinary expression;

receiving requested information from the data source;

automatically transferring the requested information to the application for processing and display alongside the ordinary expression before returning to a condition where the application operates autonomously; and

allowing the user to specify in advance of a request where the application will display the requested information relative to the ordinary expression.